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The Copyright Society Of Australia Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Held at: Holding Redlich, Level 65, MLC Centre, 19 Martin Place, Sydney, NSW

On: Thursday 13 March 2008

At: 6.05 pm

Present: Arthur Artinian, Helen Daniels, Adam Flynn, Karen Gettens, Caroline Morgan (chair), Kate Haddock, Sally Hanson, Scot Morris, Shehana Wijesena

Apologies: Libby Baulch, Carolyn Dalton, Michael Green, Mary Jane McKerihan, Cate Nagy, Ian Oi, Miriam Stiel

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous annual general meeting on 15 March 2007 were approved.

Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007

The Society's accounts for the year ended 31 December 2007 were tabled and approved.

Proposed: Caroline Morgan

Seconded: Helen Daniels

The meeting noted that the increase in total assets of the Society could warrant a review of expenditure to benefit members by:

- decreasing fees charged for member attendance at functions;
- decreasing fees charged for student membership and attendance at the Symposium;
- recording functions e.g. to make podcasts available;
- improving the Society's website.

It was noted that there should be no hesitation paying standard hire and catering fees to firms that charge the Society to host functions.

The meeting noted that the increase in Secretarial expenses was discussed and approved by the Management Committee at its meetings in 2007 (see minutes of meetings held on 21 June 2007 and 18 October 2007).

Appointment of the auditor and determination of remuneration

The meeting approved the reappointment of Partlett Chave & Rowland as the Society's auditors and set the remuneration in line with the previous year.

Election of Management Committee officers and members

The meeting resolved to waive any procedural anomalies in nominations.

The meeting noted that the Committee may determine that one person shall fill the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. In 2007, Michael Green was elected as Treasurer and, in the absence of a determination about the joint role, the position of Secretary officially remained vacant. The chair noted that the meeting could retrospectively deem the position to have been filled by one person.

A list of the nominations, including the positions nominated for, was announced.

The following members were elected:

President	Caroline Morgan
Vice-President	
Secretary	
Treasurer	Michael Green
Ordinary committee members	Arthur Artinian
	Libby Baulch*
	Caroline Dalton
	Helen Daniels
	Adam Flynn
	Kate Haddock
	Sally Hanson
	Mary Jane McKerihan
	Scot Morris
	Cate Nagy
	Miriam Stiel
	Michael Williams
Shehana Wijesena	

Prior to the meeting, Michael Williams had indicated that he intended to renominate for the position of Vice-President, and the Secretariat is to check whether that nomination was received.

Votes of thanks

The meeting passed a vote of thanks to two departing committee members:

- Karen Gettens (committee member since 2000)
- Ian Oi (committee member since 2002)

The meeting also passed a vote of thanks to Caroline Morgan for her past and continuing service as President.

The meeting closed at 6:30 pm.